

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 199

By Fowler

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Don Malarkey on the celebration of his 100th birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Don Malarkey celebrated his 100th birthday on April 3, 2005, a milestone that commemorated yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, for many years, Mr. Malarkey served with acumen and alacrity as a golf professional, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work and the fluid grace of his game; and

WHEREAS, taking up the game of golf at age ten, Don Malarkey joined the Professional Golf Association (PGA) of America in 1926 and is now the PGA's oldest living member; and

WHEREAS, serving as its Head Golf Professional, Don Malarkey worked at the Signal Mountain Golf & Country Club from 1956 to 1973; in 1996, Mr. Malarkey was named the Golf Professional Emeritus of Signal Mountain Golf and Country Club; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Malarkey played in two U.S. Open Championships, and he was inducted into the Tennessee Golf Hall of Fame in 1999; he was honored with the Tennessee Section PGA Distinguished Career Award in 2004; and

WHEREAS, in honor of his dedication and commitment to the sport of golf, the Signal Mountain Golf and Country Club holds an annual Don Malarkey Open, which attracts the Southeast's top professional and amateur golfers; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected member of the Signal Mountain community, Mr. Malarkey is a member of the Highlanders Group and Signal Fellowship; he was also inducted into the Chattanooga Area Old Timers Hall of Fame in 1993; and

WHEREAS, placing membership at Signal Mountain Presbyterian Church on October 28, 1956, Mr. Malarkey has faithfully served the Lord and his community for many years, and he is currently a member of Becking Bible Class; and

WHEREAS, a licensed pilot, Don Malarkey trained pilots during World War II and served with distinction as one of those outstanding Americans who earned the rightful designation of the "greatest generation"; and

WHEREAS, co-author of an autobiographical book entitled *A Lotta Malarkey*, Don Malarkey serves as a testament to the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly wishes to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Don Malarkey on the celebration of his 100th birthday and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.